

VALLEY SOAKED BY DOWNPOUR PAST TWO DAYS

All Lines of Traffic Tied Up, with No Stages Leaving City, Street Car Service Shot to Pieces, and Car Tracks Damaged.

POLICE WORK HARD AND HORSE KILLED

Only Two Towns in State Report Not Having Any Rain—In Northern Part Snow Is Prevailing with Bad Weather Imminent

According to reports which were received in this city last night from various parts of the state it is quite evident that Phoenix is not the only city which has been visited by a heavy rainfall within the past few days.

Wire Chief Morris of the office of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company received a message which indicated that the rainfall and its accompanying drop of temperature was general throughout the state. In the northern districts there was a considerable amount of snow interspersed with the rain. Heavy snows which are prevalent a few weeks ago were not present in the present flurry of cold weather.

The visitation of rain which is at present very much in evidence in this city has been the most prolonged and perhaps the most steady of the winter season. In the twelve hour period from six o'clock a. m. until six p. m., the rain gauge at the local weather bureau showed that the precipitation had amounted to .36 of an inch.

On account of the almost impassable condition of the roads in the territory adjacent to the city, none of the various stage lines made their regular runs yesterday, fearing that a trip might mean being tied up for several hours in some treacherous mud hole.

In about nine-tenths of the unpaved streets in this city the results of the downpour were particularly obvious, especially to the pedestrian, who was forced to wade through a literal sea of mud, a mire which also seriously impeded the automobile traffic in all but the paved portions of the city's thoroughfares.

Car Tracks Damaged
The tracks of the Phoenix Street Railway company were undermined by the water on First street in the vicinity of Pierce, and the street car schedules were temporarily abandoned over this portion of the line until the tracks had been put in order again. The trouble was due to spreading rails, caused by the ballast being washed from under the ties.

Will Probably Continue
According to the indications received here during the evening, the storm will in all probability continue through today and possibly through a greater portion of Tuesday. Reports showed that almost the entire state of California was being rain-swept at a time simultaneous with the local deluge. Other nearby states were also reported to be receiving the aquatic attentions of Jupiter Pluvius.

Police Labor for Naught
Yesterday afternoon members of the Phoenix police department were called to the vicinity of Twelfth and Jefferson streets to extricate a horse owned by Wo Kee, a Chinese landowner. The animal had fallen into a hole in the road and had been unable to free itself from the gripping embrace of the wet adobe.

A sewer had recently been dug across the roadway and the rainfall had caused a portion of the earth which had been filled in the hole to sink down and become a veritable trap to any living object that might happen to step in. The police responded to the distress call. After about an hour's hard labor, with the use of a block and tackle, the animal was finally pulled out of the hole and placed on his feet again. The officers, who had become covered with mud and slime to a degree which made it hard to distinguish them as human beings, had just crawled out of the mud hole and were drying out of their uniforms from various other parts of their persons.

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AUSTRIANS TAKE ITALIAN TRENCHES

BERLIN, Jan. 16. (By wire to the Sun.)—Austro-Hungarian troops took an Italian trench near Tolmino, yesterday, according to an official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters under date of January 16. The Austrian statement adds that Italian artillery activity was increased yesterday at Mount San Michele and against the Tolmino-Gorizia and Mircetvri bridgeheads.

EDISON BATTERY DID NOT CAUSE E-2 EXPLOSION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A statement indicating that the new Edison storage battery was not in any way responsible for the explosion on the submarine E-2 at the New York navy yard was made today by Miller Reese Hutchinson, chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison and a member of the naval consulting board.

The preliminary inquiry into the explosion was held in secret today by the board of inquiry appointed by Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commander of the navy yard. Neither Admiral Usher nor any of those present would discuss what occurred at the inquiry. Persons on board or near the E-2 at the same time of the explosion were questioned at length, however.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, who is expected to name tomorrow a board of inquiry to conduct a formal investigation, left for Washington this afternoon without making any statement regarding the explosion.

At the hospitals where the injured were taken it was said several of them were in a serious condition and one is expected to die.

The only light shed upon the disaster was contained in the statement of Mr. Hutchinson, who absolved from blame the Edison battery designed to minimize the danger to submarine crews resulting from accumulations of gas. The E-2 was the only boat thus far equipped with the batteries, the tests of which were reported to be thoroughly satisfactory.

LANE IS OIL MEN'S REFUGE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The relief afforded the oil consuming public and the oil producers of California by congress will be that recommended by Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, was the opinion expressed today by John M. Eshelman, lieutenant governor of California, just before he left for Washington.

Eshelman is returning to Washington to help in the fight for the remedial legislation sought by the California oil men. He was in Washington when Governor Johnson called the recent special session of the state legislature and came back to attend to his duties as presiding officer of the state senate.

LAUNCH CALYPSO REACHES PORT CREW IS PROMPTLY ARRESTED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 16.—The launch Calypso, for which federal officers have been on the lookout since the craft left San Pedro, December 24, entered port late last night from Mazatlan, Mexico. Captain William Sassaman and crew of

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In Caucasus Russians Are Offensive Along Hundred Mile Front, While British Force Ottoman Troops Out of Mesopotamia.

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The Turks are now being attacked by both Russians and British. In the Caucasus the Russians, greatly reinforced, are on the offensive along a front of almost a hundred miles, while in Mesopotamia the British have forced the retirement of the Ottoman troops along both banks of the Tigris river to the south of Kut-el-Amara and still are closely pressing them on the east and the north. Constantinople reports that near Karadagh the Russians were defeated with heavy casualties, while Petrograd asserts that at some unnamed place a large number of Turkish officers and men, war materials and provisions, eight guns and eight machine guns were captured by the Russians. Successes for the Russians in the fighting in Persia also are claimed by Petrograd. In its official statement Petrograd makes the first announcement that the Germans are fighting with the Turks in this region.

The Turks in retreat along the Tigris are those who have been holding back the British column proceeding up the river to the relief of the British at Kut-el-Amara. On the other fronts, except in Montenegro, little fighting is in progress.

The offensive of the Russians in East Galicia and along the Bessarabian front has again died down. On the line in France and Belgium the operations have consisted mainly of artillery duels and mining and counter-mining work. The big British guns have thrown shells into Lille, but Berlin says only slight damage was done.

A trench taken by the Austro-Hungarians from the Italians near the Tolmino bridgehead and an intense Italian bombardment of the region formed the chief events on the Austro-Italian line.

In the Montenegro the Austro-Hungarians continue their pursuit of the Montenegrins, capturing from them positions and men. Podgoritz, to the east of Cetinje and Misis are the latest places reported evacuated.

The Montenegrin government is now at Scutari, according to an official report at Berlin. Advice from Rome says that the Italian cabinet has begun plans for giving adequate assistance to Montenegro and Serbia, but the nature of this aid and the manner in which it will be given is not stated.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Turkish forces on both banks of the river Tigris, 25 miles south of Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, are retreating, according to an announcement made today by the official press bureau. The war of five miles tent after hard fighting the Turks began to withdraw January 13 and that they are being closely pressed by British troops under General Aylmer.

The text of the statement follows: "After their defeat on January 8, the Turkish force opposing General Aylmer retired to a position astride the Tigris at Orate, 25 miles down stream from Kut-el-Amara. General Aylmer attacked the position January 13 and 14, the enemy began to retire and is being closely pressed on the east and on the north by the British forces."

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FRUIT JOBBERS TO CONVENE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 16.—More than one thousand delegates arrived here today to attend the twelfth annual convention of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association, which will convene tomorrow. The convention will be in session three days and will be devoted to a general discussion of matters affecting the wholesale fruit and produce trade.

The delegation from California, accompanied by representatives of other far western states, arrived early today aboard a special train and immediately opened a campaign for the next meeting in competition with Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and Peoria. The California delegates have not centered on any city, but want the 1917 convention held somewhere on the Pacific coast.

The next place of meeting will be selected Wednesday, when officers will also be elected.

TWO MILLION FOR TUSKEGEE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A plan to raise a \$2,000,000 fund to perpetuate Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., as a permanent memorial to the late Booker T. Washington, was announced today by Seth Low of New York, president of the institute's board of trustees, at a memorial service here in honor of the dead negro educator.

Mr. Low said that under a plan adopted by the trustees, white people would raise half of the fund and the negroes of the nation the remainder.

More than 3,000 people in all walks of life and of both races paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Washington at the services. Secretary Daniels of the navy and Secretary McAdoo of the treasury were prominent in the list of speakers.

NORTH HOLLAND UNDER WATER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says:

"The floods in North Holland continue their devastation. The town of Parmedijk, which is less than ten miles from Amsterdam, is under water and at many points the flood is three feet higher than yesterday. Every surface of the water. The bodies of cattle drowned can be seen floating. Only three farm houses are above the surface of the water. The bodies of twelve persons who were drowned in the Marken washed ashore today at Volendam."

DEFEAT YUAN SHI KAI FORCES

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Sixty thousand revolutionary troops have defeated the forces of Yuan Shi Kai, head of the Chinese government, in an action fought in the province of Sze Chuen, according to a cablegram received here today from Shanghai by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association.

The battle, according to the cablegram, ended with the capture and occupation of Tsue Chow Fu by revolutionary forces, who, the cable said, were also threatening Cheng Tu, capital of the province of Sze Chuen.

The losses in killed and wounded, the cablegram said, were about 1,000.

PEACE ENVOYS UNDESIRABLES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

THE HAGUE, via London, Jan. 16.—Dr. Charles E. Aker, Mme. Rosika Schwimmer and other members of the Ford peace board, after having vainly appealed to the German minister at The Hague for permission for the Scandinavian peace delegates to return home through Germany, telegraphed today to Berlin for the desired permits. Recent efforts of the Ford party to cross Germany have been blocked by the German military authorities with the explanation that the delegates are undesirable.

THREE DEAD IN AUTO CRASH

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ALVO, Neb., Jan. 16.—Three young women were killed and a fourth was seriously injured when a Rock Island passenger train struck an automobile near here today. The dead:

EDITH FORSMAN, aged 17.

BELE GOODMAN, aged 19.

ALMA GOODMAN, aged 18.

A. H. Forman, who was driving the car, was seriously injured. He said at the hospital that the car "went dead" on the track.

R. R. RECEIVER FOUND DEAD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WICHITA, Kas., Jan. 16.—James Oakley Davidson, one of the receivers for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad, while that system was in the hands of the United States court, was found dead in bed today at his home here. Physicians said death was caused by a complication of diseases. Mr. Davidson was widely known in financial circles. He was 63 years old.

RECEIVES CARDINAL MERCIER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ROME, Jan. 16.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, was received by Pope Benedict today in a long private audience. It is understood Cardinal Mercier gave the pope the fullest report of the situation in Belgium.

CARRANZA RENEWS HIS PROMISE TO RUN DOWN AND PUNISH BANDITS

Leader of De Facto Government Issues Orders for Immediate Pursuit and Capture of Ones Guilty of Recent Atrocities.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—General Carranza today renewed his assurances to the United States that he would make every effort to punish those responsible for the murders of American mining men near Santa Ysabel.

A dispatch from Consul Silliman to the state department dated at Queretaro at 9:30 this morning, said Carranza and personally assured Mr. Silliman, in reply to the department's demand that the murderers be run down, that he "had issued orders for the immediate pursuit, capture and punishment of those responsible for the atrocity."

Simultaneously, in a dispatch to Eliseo Arrondido, his ambassador designate here, General Carranza announced that he was about to issue a decree permitting any citizen of Mexican nationality to shoot the bandits "without formality."

Assurances that "condign punishment" would be visited upon the murderers had already been given the state department through Mr. Arrondido. Whether a formal note from Carranza is to follow has not been revealed.

Carranza's telegram to his embassy here follows:

"The government, under my direction, has adopted every necessary measure to insure the prosecution of an energetic campaign for the capture and destruction of the party of Villista bandits and to continue the same to its complete accomplishment. I have asked General Jacinto R. Trevino, commanding the constitutional troops in the neighborhood of the assassinations, to secure the names of the assassins so that a decree may be issued placing them outside the pale of law. When this is done any citizen or citizens of the republic will have the right to arrest the guilty parties without other warrant and to execute them without formality."

"Similar decrees were issued and executed effectively in the cases of assaults and dynamiting of trains in another section of the republic within the year, notably when a passenger train was dynamited and its passengers assaulted near Alizaco and again near Toluca. These decrees are made effective because in the opinion of the government those who perpetrate such assassinations of human beings, be they native Mexicans or foreigners, must be considered in exactly the same category as those who dynamite the railway trains. I sincerely deplore the unpardonable crime at Santa Ysabel."

LIEUT. ZIMMERMAN IS DEAD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 16.—Lieut. Charles A. Zimmerman, bandmaster at the naval academy, died here today. He was 54 years old and was a musical composer and also prominent as an organist.

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VILLA MEN EXECUTED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

HAZARET, Mex., Jan. 16.—Two Villa officers, Col. Miguel Baco Valles and Lieut. Col. Enrique Cisneros, were executed at Guzman, near Palomas, Chihuahua, yesterday, according to advices received today from Casas Grandes by General Gabriel Garcia, Carranza commander here. Two other Villa generals with small bands have sought amnesty.

Col. Calles, according to Mexican officials, was the leader of bandits who terrorized Durango and Chihuahua state before the Madero revolt. It was he who also had charge of the executions which followed the capture of Juarez by Villa two years ago, and he was held responsible for the killing of Jose Bonales Sandoval, private secretary of General Porfirio Diaz, several years ago.

Several thousand former Villa soldiers, with their women and children left here today for the south. They were the last of the army that surrendered here. Under the terms of the amnesty granted by Carranza they have been paid the equivalent of \$10 gold each and provided with transportation to their homes with the understanding that they will return to peaceful civilian life.

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EMPEROR IS ILL; EMPEROR AT FRONT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ROME, Jan. 16.—According to reports received by the Vatican, Emperor William underwent an operation last Thursday. Although the operation is described as having been successful, it is said that a week must elapse before His Majesty may be pronounced out of danger.

BERLIN, Jan. 16, via London, Jan. 17.—The following official communication was issued today: "After his complete recovery Emperor William returned Sunday afternoon to the war theater."

TYPHUS CAUSES PROMPT STEPS FOR PREVENTION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

EL PASO, Jan. 16.—The case of typhus which caused the death at the county hospital here yesterday of Modestine Martinez, a Mexican recently arrived from Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, prompted medical officers of the United States immigration service to take immediately measures to prevent entrance of the disease into this country.

Dr. John W. Tappan, immigration medical officer here, received instructions from Dr. C. C. Pearce, senior surgeon of the service, to begin disinfecting persons from Mexico suspected of having been exposed to the disease. Gasoline baths and the baking of clothing in a dry heating device now under construction, will be employed.

So far as Dr. Tappan has been able to ascertain, through agents of the immigration service and others, there are no cases of typhus now in Juarez, just across the Rio Grande.

A train from Chihuahua, which is said to be carrying a large number of Americans and other foreigners, was expected to reach Juarez tonight. This train was derailed last night about half way between Juarez and Samalayuca. Another train just behind it was bearing, according to Juarez officials, the body of Jose Rodriguez, the Villa bandit chief, who was captured and executed as the commander of the bandits who massacred eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel last Monday. It was said, however, that this train might not reach Juarez until tomorrow morning.

Martin G. Rodriguez, superintendent of the Jimenez-Juarez division of the National Railways of Mexico, said today that General Arguendo, leading a band of 1,500 rebels believed to be allied with former adherents of the late General Huerta, was in the neighborhood of Camanche, south of Torreón. Operations of trains between Chihuahua City and Madera has been discontinued.

Funeral services were held today for C. R. Watson, general manager of the Chihuahua Mining Company, and an organist.

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AMERICANS IN WESTERN CHIHUAHUA ARE REPORTED TO BE SAFE

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Dr. Kramer, who was reported to have been killed, was shot in the leg

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